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1. IN A SPEECH ON APRIL 11 OPENING A SEMINAR ON ASEAN INDUSTRIALIZATION, MINISTER OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MUSA HITAM STATED THAT WHILE "POTENTIAL" ASEAN PROJECTS HAD BEEN IDENTIFED NO FINAL DECISIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS WOULD BE TAKEN UNTIL RESULTS OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES WERE COMPLETE. MUSA ELABORATED THAT GOM WOULD NOT EXPECT ASEAN PARTNERS TO INVEST IN ANY PROJECT WHICH WOULD NOT BE VIABLE. C. ITOH, A JAPANESE CONSULTING FIRM, IS PRESENTLY CONDUCTING A MASTER PLAN STUDY OF MALAYSIAN PETROLEUM AND PETRO-CHEMICAL INDUSTRY WHICH WILL BE COMPLETE NEAR END OF SEPTEMBER 1977.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY READS MUSA'S COMMENTS AS SIGNALING GOM MOVE TO PLACE UREA PLANT PROJECT IN MALAYSIA ON BACK BURNER. C. ITOH'S PRELIMINARY FINDINGS REPORTEDLY SHOW THAT UREA PLANT IN MALAYSIA WOULD NOT BE ECONOMICALLY VIABLE IN NEAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TERM. RE-EVALUATION OF UREA PROJECT REFLECTS USUAL PRAGMATIC APPROACH BY GOM, AS WELL AS ITS CLOSER SCRUTINY OF MAJOR INVESTMENTS FOLLOWING ITS EARLIER MISCALCULATION ON TIMING OF LNG TANKERS ORDER. UNDERHILL

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